OOM OF CRACOW SEALED BY RUSSIANS

Snow Blocks Allies and Teutons

Trenches of Opposing Armies in Flanders Are Filled With Water and Advices Say Battlefront Along the Yser Is Unchanged

GERMAN ATTACK SHIFTS ALONG FRENCH BORDER

Swamps Almost Impassible to Infantry and Cavalry, Guns Mired Cannot be Recovered, and Corpses Float in Streams

ONDON, November 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Very little progress was made by either side in the fighting in Flanders, owing to the unfavorable weather conditions, according to reports from the battlefront last night.

There has been an almost total cessation of hostilities since yesterds, and a heavy, watery

resterday, and a heavy, watery snow is falling, flooding the trenches with water and making

BATTLEFRONT UNCHANGED
Advices from Sluis, Holland, say that the battlefront along the Yser is practically unchanged. place yesterday were artillery duels, and several hot fights when the Germans attempted to cross some of the bridges over the canal, one regiment being entirely destroyed south of Bixes-

GERMANS SHIFT ATTACK

The latest reports indicate that the German attack in Flanders is shifting towards the French border. The inundation of the low country where the Al-lies have cut the dykes, and the floods caused by the heavy rains. have transformed the country beyond Dixemude into a vast swamp. It is impossible to move artillery through the miry

GUNS HOPELESSLY MIRED The swamps are almost im passible to infantry and light

cavalry. Guns mired at some places can not be recovered. floating in the muddy waters.

son, has recuperated from his attack of heart trouble, and has returned to general staff headquar-

Independence and Omaha Purchased by Californians to Be Used for Commerce

VALLEJO, November 17.— (Associ-ated Press by Federal Wireless)—The old U. S. S. Independence was sold yes-

OTOS FROM WAR ZONE PE

RASEMENT LAID OPEN BY A SHELL



FLOORS OF A WRECKED HOUSE

HAWAIIAN SONGS ARE SUNG FOR THELMA PARKER SMART AS SHE LIES ON DEATH BED

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17. (Associated Press by Feders Wireless) - Mrs. Thelms Parker Smart is very low and news of her death may be looked for at any time. Yesterday, at her special request, the Hawaiian singers who have been presenting "A Night in Hawaii at the Pantages theater, came to her room and, grouped around her bed, rendered a number of the songs of Hawaii.

British Indian Forces Fight Desperately and Victoria Cross Is Awarded for Valor

LONDON, November 17 .- (Associated Press by Federal Wireless)-The There are hundreds of corpses war office announces that since the occupation of Fao by the British Indian Berlin announcements say that forces the Turks have been defeated Prince Oscar, the Kaiser's fifth in two engagements, one on the eleventh and one on the fourteenth.

Hard fighting took pince in both these actions, the British losses being slight, while many prisoners and guns were captured. Tive officers and four non-commissioned officers have been awarded the Victoria Cross for valor

Despatches from Constantinopie by Egypt will leave shortly to assume comwand of the Turkish operations against the British in Egypt.

BATTLESHIP WYOMING WINS GUNNERY TROPH

old U. S. S. Independence was sold yesterday to Capt. John H. Rinder of Berkeley, the price being \$3515.

The old cruiser Omahs was also sold, her purchasers being Smith & Bowdrow of San Francisco, who bid \$14,140. She is to be used by her new owners as an oil carrier.

WASHINGTON, November 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Knox Trophy, offered by the Sons of the American Revolution to the battleship making the best gunnery recording to the battleship Wyoming.

Queen of Holland Is Urged to Consult With President Wilson Regarding Mediation

NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT FORWARDS AN INVITATION

Minister Van Dyke Returning Home With Document, It Is Currently Reported.

LONDON, November 17 .- (Associatd Press by Federal Wireless) -Advices from Melland say that the Amsterdam delablad editorially urges that Queen Withelmins consult with Presint Wilson of the United States regarding the possibility of finding a sals of mediation between the warring

NEGOTIATIONS REPORTED OPEN According to the Amsterdam news-paper it was rumored that Henry Van Dyke, the American minister, now re-turning to the United States is bearing the Dutch government in this connec-

BUITISH STATEMEN SILENT

British statesmen decline to comment on the possibility of mediation or on what basis the principal points of contention could be arbitrated.

There is a growing impression here final treaty will be signed in the United

GERMAN DEAD HAULED **BUNDLES OF FOUR**

GENEVA, November 17. - (Associsted Press by Federal Wireless)— ed Press by Federal Wireless)—The The newspaper National Swiss has Prince of Wales, whose desire to go to published a long letter from Brussels continuous stream of "cemetery the secretary of war, Lord Kitchener, alien enemies. trains," as they are nicknamed, containing the dead in bundles of four left for France yesterday, where he will Special furnaces are being used to incinerate the corpses.

Financial Stringency Causes Suspension of Money Order Business With America

postal money order service branch of its postoffice department, and that hereway of Berlin say that the Khedivs of after, until further notice, no posta money orders will be received from the United States or sent to this country The high rate on money now prevailing in Portugal is the reason given for this

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17 .-

Navy Enables Britain To Live: Cruiser Convoying Merchantmen



YOUNG PRINCE OF WALES OVERCOMES OBSTACLES

LONDON, November 17 .- (Associat stating that the number of German the front with his regiment has herehas finally overcome this obstacle and

twenty years old.

ROME, November 17. - (Associated Press by Federal Wireless)-Pope Benedict today published a papal encyclical dict today published a papal encyclical washington informed urging peace upon war-torn Europe. He names four causes for the war-WASHINGTON, November 17,—(As-sociated Press by Federal Wireless) tempt of authority, injustice by one The Portuguese government yesterday notified the state department that it had been decided to discontinue the material welfare is the sole object of

LONDON, November 17 .- (Associated Press by Federal Wireless)-The Athens correspondent of the London Exchange Telegraph Agency says that (Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
—In an address here yesterday, the president of the New York Temperance Union predicted that there will be national prohibition in force by 1920.

Advancing Argency says that an announcement has been made in the Grecian chamber of deputies that Great Britain is advancing Greece \$8,000,000 to build warships in British yards.

BRITAIN TREATS ALIEN ENEMIES HUMANELY, SAYS AND LEAVES FOR FRONT HOME SECRETARY M'KENNA

LONDON, November 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Berry tary McKenna of the home office, addressing the house of commons yester-

The number of such interned and held as prisoners are reservists and be attached to the staff of General others suspected of being in a posi-Pranch at headquarters. The Prince is tion to give aid to the enemy, he explained.

> 14,500. The number of alien enemies is about 29,000. Those interned are the Carransistas and those supporting being held in concentration camps. Premier Asquith, in a statement to the house, made the estimate that the GERMANY war is costing Great Britain from \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000 daily.

tion of the British super-dreadnought to this clause with reservations. Andacious, shattered by a mine, a fortnight ago, but kept the information secret at the request of the British MINE WASHED ASHORE

EARL ROBERTS WILL

CUTIEBREZ OFFICIALLY NOTIFIES WASHINGTON OF POWER HE ASSUMES

WASHINGTON, November 17,-(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)-Provisional President Gutierrez has formally notified the United States of stating that the number of German the front with his regiment has here day, denied that Great Britain was his assumption of the powers of the wounded is unimaginable. There is a tofore been blocked by the refusal of harshly exercising its right to imprison office to which he was named by the office to which he was named by the Agnas Calientes convention.

He guarantees the protection of Americans and foreigners of all na-

Consul Silliman of Mexico City re-At the present time these number ports that hostilities between the rival force. factions have been suspended pending registered with the police but at large the outcome of further parieys between

WASHINGTON, November 17 .- (Associated Press by Federal Wireless)-The records of the state department support the assertion made that Ger-WASHINGTON, November 17.—(As many is not bound by the provisions sociated Press by Federal Wireless) - of the Hague treaty limiting the use The government knew of the destructor of submarine mines, having subscribed

LONDON, November 17 .- (Associated Press by Federal Wireless) -A mine, LONDON, November 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Early Roberts will be buried at Ascet according to a public announcement made late yesterday.

Which washed ashore west of Capelle on the coast of Holland, exploded while being examined by a number of men petrograd that the Russian army operating on the Turkish frontier in Caucasus has been of those standing near were killed and a number of others wounded.

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Capture of Cracow by Russians **Would Bring Industrial Districts** of Silesia Under Their Control and Be Vital Blow at Germany

INHABITANTS ARE FLEEING FROM DANGER OF CONFLICT

Troops of Czar Reported to Be Massed Against Stronghold in Overwhelming Force, Having Brushed Aside All Opposition

ONDON- November 17 .-- (Associated Press by Federal Wireless) — Russia's answer to the report of a German concentration in the east, with the object of holding the Czar's armies in check, is to push the Galician campaign with the greatest vigor, concentrating in he attacks of Cracow and the

the attacks of Cracow and the fortress of Przemysl.

According to dispatches received here yesterday from Betrograd and from various sources in Italy, rapid program is heing made in the investment and bombardment of Cracow, the fall of which is expected momentarily. CRACOW KEY TO SITUATION

The capture of Cracow by the Russians means that the key to the whole of the industrial districts of Silesia would fall into their hands, striking a vital economic blow at Germany.

The first advices came from Vienna by way of Rome, announcing that the Russians had partly invested Cracow from the north, and that the inhabitants were leaving the city, portions of which had been set on fire by the Russian bombardment.

Later dispatches from Venice to the London Post confirm the reported investment of the city from the north and say that the inhabitants are fleeing from the city which was partly in flames. RUSS FORCE OVERWHELMING

Dispatches from Petrograd to tionalities and asks the withdrawal of the Giomaf D'Italia at Rome re-United States troops from Vera Cruz. port that the Russian advance on Cracow was in overwhelming

> This report says the Russians brushed aside all opposition until they reached Cracow, which was immediately attacked from the northeast.

Petrograd announces officially that the Austrians attempted a sortie from Przemysl, which was defeated, the defenders of the fortress being compelled to retire to the shelter of their guns.

The Petrograd announcement says that fighting in Poland continues along the front, between Plock, Lentchitsa and Oureioff, and that at Stalluponen, in northern East Prussia, the German offensive failed and the Russians are advancing.

Further south Petrograd reports the invasion of East Prussia progressing, with a battle EXPLODES: 7 KILLED sia progressing, with a battle raging between Soldau and Nei-

TURKS CHECK RUSSIANS

An acknowledgement comes from Petrograd that the Russian (Continued on Page Three)